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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 June 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 13-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 13-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's cancellation of claims 1-12 are sufficient to overcome the statutory 35 U.S.C. 101 double patenting rejection. The addition of new claims 13-22 has necessitated the following new grounds of rejection.

The recitation of the intended utility into the preamble of a compound claim which can otherwise stand alone is not considered a further limitation of the claims. In re Ridden, 318 F.2d 671, 138 U.S.P.Q. 112; In re Maeder, 337 F.2d 875, 143 U.S.P.Q. 248; Ex parte Maxey, 177 U.S.P.Q. 468 (P.O.B.A. 1972); In re Spada, 911 F.2d 705, 15 U.S.P.Q.2d 1655 (Fed. Cir 1990).

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 17 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. It is unclear what a 1-, 3- or 6-month depot is referring to. Appropriate correction is required in order to fully understand what the depot is.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and

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the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 13-16 and 17-22 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goodman & Gilman's: The Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics (2001, pages 7-8 and 1031-1033).

Goodman & Gilman's teaches that dopamine-receptor antagonists, such as metoclopramide, are a standard drug used to treat chemotherapy-induced nausea (page 1032). Further, antihistamines are also taught in the treatment of emesis, including promethazine and diphenhydramine (page 1032). Lorazepam is also taught as an antiemetic agent (page 1033). Table 38-4 exemplifies dosage levels that are effective at treating emesis as well as combinations of metoclopramide, diphenhydramine, and lorazepam. Goodman & Gilman's further teaches that parenteral injections and transdermal administration are common routes of drug administration, making it obvious to deliver the compounds of the present invention by these various routes.

It is prima facie obvious to combine compositions that are taught by the prior art to be useful for the same purpose, in order to form a composition to be used for the very same purpose. The idea of combining them flows logically from their having been individually taught in the prior art. In re Kerkhoven, 626 F.2d 846, 205 USPQ 1069, 1072 (CCPA 1980). One would be motivated to formulate an antiemetic composition comprised of lorazepam, diphenhydramine, promethazine, and metoclopramide because of the teachings of Goodman & Gilman's, which teach that several antiemetic agents can be used in combination for severe chemotherapy-induced emesis.

Double Patenting

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321© or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement.

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Claims 13-22 rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,673,792.

Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because the claims of the instant application are drawn to controlled release anti-emetic compositions comprised of lorazepam, diphenhydramine, promethazine and metoclopramide and methods for treating emesis with these compounds. The claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,673,792 are drawn to pharmaceutical compositions comprising lorazepam, diphenhydramine, promethazine, and metoclopramide and methods for treating emesis with these compounds. The two references are obvious over each

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other because they are both drawn to pharmaceutical compositions comprised of the same compounds and one would be motivated to use the formulation in various forms such as controlled release or inhalable forms because these are common forms of drug delivery.

Conclusion

No claims are allowed.

Contact Information

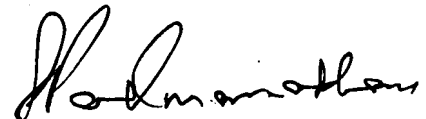
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Renee Claytor whose telephone number is 571-272-8394. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sreeni Padmanabhan can be reached on 571-272-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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